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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Claire Ann Adkins of Carlinville, who passed away on April 1, 2012; and

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WHEREAS, She was born in Richmond Heights, Missouri to Edward and Grace Gallaher Kiely; she attended Saint Louis University, where she was among the first group to graduate from the speech therapy program in 1950; she worked as a speech therapist in St. Louis and Springfield, Missouri public school districts before marrying Gene Adkins on August 2, 1952, whom she met while attending Saint Louis University; and

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WHEREAS, Together, she and her husband raised their family in Carlinville, where in addition to being a loving wife and mother, she served on the Carlinville Hospital Board and Auxiliary, was a founding member of CMEC (the Carlinville Marijuana Education Committee), and volunteered as a speech therapist with children with mental disabilities and HEART (reading program for school children); and

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WHEREAS, She enjoyed spending time with her family, playing bridge, and getting together with her tennis group and friends; she will be remembered always for the grace, strength, and beauty she brought to the lives of all those with whom she came

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1 in contact; and

2 WHEREAS, Claire Ann Adkins is survived by her husband,  
3 Gene; her brother, Ray (Jane) Kiely; her sister, Jane Cassidy;  
4 her children, Barry, Chris (Bob) Mathias, David (Gail), and Jim  
5 (Ellen) Adkins; and her grandchildren, Lexy and Audrie Adkins,  
6 Steve, Claire, Mary Beth, and Susie Mathias, Jeff and Greg  
7 Adkins, and Ian and Brennan Adkins; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL  
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
10 her family and friends, the passing of Claire Ann Adkins; and  
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12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
13 presented to the family of Claire Ann Adkins as a symbol of our  
14 sincere sympathy.